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Comment : Regarding WT Docket No. 05-235, I offer the following comments supporting the FCC's proposed change.

I agree with all of the FCC's stated reasons for dropping Element 1. The Element 1 requirement focuses attention on a communication method and not on the most important issue; safe practices and effective communication on HF frequencies. Element 1 hinders many intelligent amateurs from advancing their knowledge and skills.

After the 9/11 attacks, amateur radio operators were instrumental in assisting authorities with emergency communications because commercial communication systems were down. Removing the stumbling block that Element 1 presents will increase the number of amateur radio operators holding advanced licenses. This is in America's best interest.

Though I support dropping Element 1 for all classes of amateur radio licenses, I would not support any future decision to reduce the frequencies assigned to CW.